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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _27 January 2004_.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) _1-20_ is/are pending in the application.

  4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) _1-20_ is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on _27 January 2004_ is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

  Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

  Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

  a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

  1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

  2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

  3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

  * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1)☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3)☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
     Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
     Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .

5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6)☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1.   This office action is in response to the communication filed on 01/27/2004.

2.   Claims 1-20 are pending and presented for examination.

Claim Objections

3.   Claims 1-20 are objected to because of the following informalities: the claim

preambles are too general. A specific preamble for each claim is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

4.   35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

> Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of
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> matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the
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> conditions and requirements of this title.

5.   Claims 14-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 the claimed invention is directed

to non-statutory subject matter. The claimed "a computer program product stored on a

computer operable media" can be just software codes per se and is therefore non-

statutory subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6.   The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that

form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7.   Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sullivan et al. (US 2002/0085579, hereafter Sullivan).

8.   For claim 1, Sullivan discloses a computer implemented method comprising:

obtaining a timestamp identifying a current time and a current day (abstract, fig. 1, [0091], time and date can be used as an identifier in combination with one or more other identifier(s) in a n-dimensional request for an appropriate homepage);

retrieving, from a nonvolatile storage device, a home page identifier based upon the timestamp (fig. 1, [0091], a homepage retrieval from the registry, which can be a server, based on current time); and

setting a browser's home page to the retrieved home page identifier ([0065], the retrieved homepage is used).

9.   For claim 8, the claim is rejected for the same rationale as in claim 1. Sullivan further discloses an information handling system comprising: one or more processors; a memory accessible by the processors; a nonvolatile storage device; one or more network adapters connecting the information handling system to one or more computer networks; and an home page selection tool for selecting a home page (fig. 2, registry

server with processor, memory, storage device, and network adapter for collecting and

retrieving homepage from requests made by client devices)

10.   For claim 14, the claim is rejected for the same rationale as in claim 1.

11.   For claims 2, 9 and 15, Sullivan further discloses obtaining a network connection

identifier that identifies a computer network, wherein the retrieving of the home page

identifier is based upon both the timestamp and the network connection identifier (fig. 1,

home network identifier in location ID field, [0091], current timestamp).

12.   For claims 3, 10 and 16, Sullivan further discloses receiving, over a computer

network, at a redirection web site (fig. 2, registry server), a home page request from a

client computing device, the home page request including a user identifier that identifies

a user of the client device (fig. 1, user ID), wherein the redirection web site performs the

obtaining, retrieving, and setting steps (fig. 1, matching n IDs and user preferences for

homepages); wherein the setting of the browser's home page includes redirecting the

browser executing on the client computing device to the retrieved home page identifier

([0065], retrieved homepage is used).

13.   For claims 4, 11 and 17, Sullivan further discloses obtaining one or more network

connection identifiers that identify one or more computer networks to which the client

computing device is connected from the home page request (fig. 1, home network...),

wherein the retrieving of the home page identifier is based upon both the timestamp and the network connection identifier (fig. 1, location ID, [0091], current timestamp).

14.   For claims 5, 12 and 18, Sullivan further discloses the obtaining of the timestamp includes retrieving a current timestamp from the home page request, wherein the current timestamp corresponds to the current time and the current day at the client computing device ([0091], current timestamp).

15.   For claims 6, 13 and 19, Sullivan further discloses the retrieval of the home page identifier further comprises: selecting, from the nonvolatile storage device, one or more records that correspond to the user identifier (fig. 1, n dimensional ID), wherein the nonvolatile storage device includes records for a plurality of user identifiers (fig. 1, user ID); and identifying, from the group of selected records, the home page identifier based upon the timestamp (fig. 1, [0091], combination of user ID and current timestamp).

16.   For claims 7 and 20, Sullivan further discloses obtaining one or more network connection identifiers that identify one or more computer networks to which the client computing device is connected from the home page request (fig. 1, home network...), wherein the identification of the home page identifier is based upon both the timestamp and the network connection identifier (fig. 1, home network identifier in location ID field, [0091], current timestamp).

Conclusion

17.   The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to

applicant's disclosure:

- Goldberg et al. US 2004/0199541.

- Carter et al. US 2003/0074391.

- Frengut et al. US 2002/0046099.

- Do. 6,662,012.

18.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Hieu T. Hoang whose telephone number is 571-270-

1253. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.,

EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on 571-272-3913. The fax phone

number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-

273-8300.

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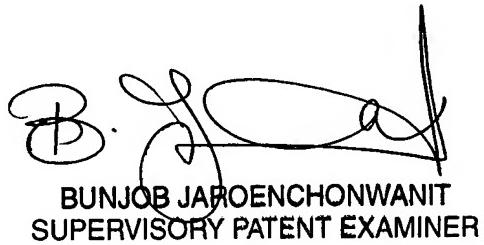
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